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STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY

Reference AX of the IDS filed 10/15/07, is additional prior art known to Applicant.

The reference describes star-shaped catalysts bodies and packages from a ceramic material which provide an optimized pressure drop, temperature and a concentration profile. The reference is not concerned with filling a reactor using a filling aid.